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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Junpei OGAWA et al.  
Title: HIGH-STRENGTH  
CONNECTING ROD AND  
METHOD OF PRODUCING  
SAME  
Appl. No.: 10/771,522  
Filing Date: 02/05/2004  
Examiner: Vinh LUONG  
Art Unit: 3682  
Confirmation Number: 3059

**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §41.73, appellant requests an oral hearing.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

☒ [ X ] This request is timely because it is being made within two months from the date of the Examiner's answer.

☐ [ ] A Petition for Extension of Time to Request an Oral Hearing is submitted concurrently herewith under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(b) (for patent applications) or 37 C.F.R. §1.550(c) (for reexamination proceedings). It is respectfully requested that an

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extension of time be granted because sufficient cause has been shown and the requested extension is for a reasonable time.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. Thus, the fees of \$1,000.00 is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is noted below.

☒ The fee of \$1,000.00 for this Request For Oral Hearing (37 C.F.R. §41.20(b)(3)):

☐ Check Enclosed

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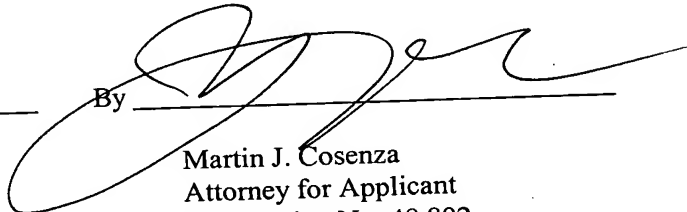
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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